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Saito, Junich et al., CARIES ACTIVITY TEST, Medical Technology Vol. 28, No. 12, November 2000, pp. 1361-1366

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